

Because the new SS and SSI amounts were not available from the Social Security Administration until late November 2002, TASS could not provide the data until December 2002. The SSA published a news release that provided the annual increase of 1.4% in SS and SSI to be paid starting in January 2003. In estimating SS and SSI for tenants, public housing agencies may multiply the current monthly benefit amounts by the annual percentage increases in SS and SSI.

The processing of SS and SSI reports will be based on the old and new SS and SSI rates as follows:

Processing Month	Months Recertifications are Due	
	Old Calendar Year 2002 Rates Based on SSA Data	New Calendar Year 2003 Rates Based on SSA Data
December 2002		*April 2003
**November 2002	March 2003	NA
**October 2002	February 2003	NA
**September2002	January 2003	NA

**\*Available on the Internet Website**

**\*\*TASS will be reprocessing SS and SSI reports for these months to include the Calendar Year 2003 rates. See the chart below for availability on Internet Website.**

Processing Month	Recertification Month	Availability of New Calendar Year 2003 Rates
November 2002	March 2003	January 20, 2003
October 2002	February 2003	January 10, 2003
September2002	January 2003	January 3, 2003